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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

THE MIDDLE EAST MILITARY SITUATION

HEAVY FIGHTING IS AGAIN REPORTED TO BE UNDER WAY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SUEZ CANAL THIS MORNING, BUT DETAILS ARE LACKING. MILITARY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY CAIRO AND TEL AVIV HAVE BEEN TERSE, SUGGESTING THAT BOTH SIDES MAY BE ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES. TEL AVIV NOW DESCRIBES ITS MOBILE BRIGADES ON THE WEST BANK AS A "SIGNIFICANT FORCE" THAT IS CONTINUING TO MANEUVER SUCCESSFULLY BEHIND EGYPTIAN LINES. IT ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A "WIDE CORRIDOR" BETWEEN ISMAILIA AND GREAT BITTER LAKE WHERE THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE CAN OPERATE WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING WITHIN RANGE OF EGYPTIAN SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WERE CONDUCTING HEAVY AIR STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH OF THE CANAL THIS MORNING.

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BAHRAIN CUTTING OFF OIL TO U.S.

KUWAIT, QATAR AND BAHRAIN TODAY DECIDED TO SUSPEND THE EXPORT OF OIL AND OIL DERIVATIVES TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS BRINGS TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF ARAB STATES WHICH HAVE SUSPENDED OIL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. THE OTHER FOUR ARAB STATES ARE SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA, LIBYA AND ABU DHABI.

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WASHINGTON POST.

MOST OF PAGE ONE IS DEVOTED TO COVERAGE OF THE RICHARDSON RESIGNATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

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MARILYN BERGER NOTES THAT YOU DEPARTED FOR MOSCOW AT THE REQUEST OF THE SOVIETS IN SEARCH OF A MEANS TO END HOSTILITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (PAGE A-1)

TOD SZULE DISCUSSES CIA'S ROLE IN THE CHILE COUP AS ALLEGEDLY SET FORTH IN A DOCUMENT CONTAINING TESTIMONY BEFORE A HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE BY DIRECTOR COLBY AND A SUBORDINATE. SZULE ASSERTS THAT THE BASIC U.S. POSTURE TOWARD CHILE, AS SET FORTH BY YOU, DEVELOPED ALONG TWO PRINCIPAL LINES. ONE WAS THE DENIAL OF ALL CREDITS TO AGGRAVATE CHILE'S ECONOMIC SITUATION. THE OTHER LINE WAS THE SUPPORTIVE CIA ACTIVITY TO ACCELERATE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THEREBY ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO ALLENDE'S GOVERNMENT. WASHINGTON, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, PREFERRED A GRADUAL DESTRUCTION FROM WITHIN OF THE CHILEAN ECONOMY SO THAT THE ALLENDE REGIME WOULD COLLAPSE OF ITS OWN WEIGHT. CIA'S ROLE, IT APPEARED, WAS TO HELP QUICKEN THE PROCESS. (PAGE C-5)

A POST EDITORIAL, IN DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR, STATES THAT HONOR HAS BEEN A RARITY IN THE LONG, DISMAL HISTORY OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S PERFORMANCE IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. TO RECALL THIS HISTORY IS TO RAISE THE MOST PROFOUND QUESTIONS ABOUT MR. NIXON'S OWN HONOR - AS WELL AS HIS COMPETENCE TO CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT. (PAGE C-6)

NEW YORK TIMES

THE TIMES LEAD STORY DEALS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDSON'S RESIGNATION AND THE FIRING OF ARCHIBALD COX AND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM RUCKELSHAUS. (P.1)

HEDRICK SMITH COVERS YOUR FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH LEONID BREZHNEV ON PAGE 1. AN ACCOMPANYING PHOTO OF YOU AND MR. BREZHNEV APPEARS WITH THE ARTICLE. (P.1)

TERENCE SMITH REPORTS ON THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF THE WEST BANK OF THE SUEZ CANAL. ACCORDING TO AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN, FORWARD UNITS HAVE PENETRATED SOME 20 MILES INTO EGYPT AND ARE WITHIN ARTILLERY RANGE OF THE MAIN ISMAILIA-CAIRO ROAD, ALONG WHICH THE EGYPTIANS ARE RUSHING FRESH TANK UNITS INTO THE FIGHTING. (P.1)

SAUDI ARABIA AND ALGERIA ARE AMONG THE LATEST ARAB STATES TO STOP OIL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. (P.1)

ARAB REACTION TO US-SOVIET MOVES TO EXPLORE WAYS TO END THE MIDDLE EAST FIGHTING HAS BEEN ONE OF CONSIDERABLE CAUTION. THE EDITOR OF CAIRO'S SEMI-OFFICIAL AL AHRAH WROTE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO END TO

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THE FIGHTING UNTIL THE ARABS ACHIEVED THEIR POLITICAL GOALS. OTHER ARAB COMMENTATORS FEAR THAT THE U.S. AIRLIFT TO ISRAEL MIGHT TURN AN ARAB PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY INTO A PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFEAT. (P.20)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS ON YOUR TRIP TO MOSCOW AND THE CHINESE RECEPTION AT THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. HE POINTS OUT THAT THE MOSCOW TRIP WAS A TIGHTLY GUARDED SECRET, IN PART BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE NOT TO DISTURB CHINESE SENSIBILITIES SINCE CHINA'S REPRESENTATIVES WERE GIVING A LONG PLANNED DINNER IN HONOR OF YOUR PEKING TRIP SCHEDULED TO START ON MONDAY, BUT NOW POSTPONED. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID YOU STILL HOPED TO ARRIVE IN PEKING BY OCTOBER 26, BUT YOUR PREVIOUS PLANNED STOP IN TOKYO ON OCTOBER 23 HAD BEEN CANCELLED. (P.26)

BALTIMORE SUN ---

HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND LENDID I. BREZHNEV, THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER, BEGAN INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE MIDEAST WAR.

DESPITE THE DRAMATIC SUMMONS TO THE KREMLINE OF HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, UNITED STATES OFFICIALS SAID THERE IS NOT YET ANY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUPERPOWERS ON A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDEAST CONFLICT.

GEN. MOSHE DAYAN, THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER, SAID ANY CEASE-FIRE WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE EITHER WITHDRAWAL TO PREWAR LINES BY ALL SIDES OR FREEZING TROOPS IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS.

AS ISRAELIS BECOME MORE CONFIDENT THAT THEY WILL BE THE ULTIMATE VICTORS IN THE MIDEAST WAR, MORE AND MORE ARE ASKING: "WHAT WENT WRONG?"

THE ARAB OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES' CUTBACKS ON DELIVERIES WILL MAKE AN ALREADY TIGHT U.S. SITUATION WORSE.

JOSEPH KRAFT COMMENTS THAT THE PATTERN OF EVENTS IN THE NEAR EAST MAKES IT PLAIN THAT THE RUSSIANS TRIED TO USE THE WAR THERE TO ESTABLISH UNILATERAL GAINS AT AMERICAN EXPENSE. MOSCOW MODERATED ITS EFFORTS ONLY AFTER THE UNITED STATES BEGAN GIVING ISRAEL THE MASSIVE SUPPLIES NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE RETALIATION SO THE OLD LESSON IS TAUGHT AGAIN. THIS COUNTRY CAN DEAL WITH THE SOVIET UNION ONLY IF IT MAINTAINS EXTREME WARINESS--MUCH MORE WARINESS THAN ALMOST ALL OF US HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN.

ACCORDING TO JAMES S. KEAT LITERALLY OR FIGURATIVELY, DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IS AT STAKE IN THE MIDEAST CONFLICT. IF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS ARE EGGING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE ALLIES THERE, RELATIONS CANNOT BE VERY RELAXED. IF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, WHATEVER THEY ARE DOING OPENLY, ARE PRIVATELY TRYING TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS, OR AT LEAST TO CONTAIN IT, DETENTE CAN BE SAID TO BE REAL.

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JEREMIAH D'LEARY REPORTS ON SPECULATION IN WASHINGTON THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE ON FINDING A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THE TIDE OF BATTLE NOW APPEARS TO BE SWINGING AGAINST THEIR ARAB ALLIES. (P.1)

IN A BROADCAST INTERVIEW YESTERDAY FROM TEL AVIV, ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN DELIVERED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SUGGESTION TO ARAB LEADERS TO PROPOSE A TRUCE BEFORE ISRAELI TROOPS MOVED CLOSER TO CAIRO. DAYAN SAID THAT IF THE ARABS SHOULD PROPOSE EITHER A "STANDSTILL" CEASE-FIRE OR A RETURN TO BORDERS BEFORE THE NEW WAR, "I DON'T THINK ISRAEL IS IN A POSITION" TO SAY NO. (P.1)

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